Improvement of Rugged Terrains

†2446. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent a proposal for a scheme for improvement of rugged terrains funded by EEC for 6 districts of the state Viz., Firozabad, Kanpur, Jalaun, Hamirpur, Fatehpur and Voda on May 7, 1998;

(b) if so, by when the above scheme is likely to be approved by Government for these districts; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Government of India has already approved a "Revine Stabilization Project" for the 6 districts of Uttar Pradesh i.e. Ferozabad, Kanpur, Jalaun, Hamirpur, Fatehpur and Banda.

(c) Does not arise.

Sick SSIs in Orissa

2447. DR. M. N. DAS :
SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK :

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Small Scale and Rural Industries have been affected due to cyclone in Orissa;

(b) whether these units have fallen sick;

(c) if so, the details of such units; and

(d) the steps taken for the revival and rehabilitation of these sick Small Scale and Rural Industries in the State?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A relief package comprising of assistance from Khadi & Village Industreis Commission (KVIC), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Coiur Board and Natioanl Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) has been announced.

Mission to Moon

2448. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has begun preliminary studies to assess the feasibility of undertaking a mission to the moon;

(b) if so, what are the scientific benefits which could be derived from the lunar mission;

(c) whether we have a rocket which has the proven capability to fly into the lunar orbit; and

(d) when the ISRO plans to undertake this mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) Yes, Sir.